

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Title:

Dealuminized Catalyst Carrier, Method for ~~Producing Said Catalyst Carrier~~ of Production,
and Method for Hydrating C₂ or C₃ Olefins With Water ~~in the Presence of a Catalyst~~
~~Consisting of Said Acid Saturated Catalyst Carrier~~

Please delete the abstract and replace it with:

A catalyst support comprising silicates is described. This catalyst support has a lower aluminum content than naturally occurring sheet silicates and can be used in the hydration of C₂ and C₃ olefins to produce C₂ and C₃ alcohols. A method for the production of the catalyst support and a process for hydrating C₂ and C₃ olefins are also described. One advantage of this catalyst support is the reduction in aluminum leaching that occurs when this catalyst is used in the presence of phosphoric acid.

Text of the Specification:

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This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/720,785, filed May 31, 2001, which is the U.S. national stage of PCT/EP99/04486, filed June 29, 1999, which in turn claims priority to German application no. 198 29 747.5, filed July 3, 1998. All applications and incorporated in their entirety herewith by reference.

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1. Field of the Invention

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2. Background of the Invention

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~~Claims~~ What is claimed is: